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Secondly, the number of drawings listed on the filing receipt is incorrect. Instead of 15 sheets of drawings, 21 sheets of drawings were submitted. Enclosed for your reference is the first page of the transmittal sheet which reflects the number of drawing sheets submitted.

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Title

Flat valve device

Preliminary Class

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FLAT VALVE DEVICE

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- ☒ was filed on June/11/2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/008210
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TITLE OF INVENTION FLAT VALVE DEVICE					
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